

National Surveys

National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS)

- NAMCS collects data on the provision and use of ambulatory medical care services in the United States (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013a).
- Findings are based on a sample of visits to non-federal employed office-based physicians who are primarily engaged in direct patient care (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013a).
- Public-use [Data Files](#) are available from 1973-2010.

National Health Care Survey (NHCS)

- The National Hospital Care Survey (NHCS) is a new survey that describes national patterns of health care delivery in hospital-based settings, including inpatient departments, emergency and outpatient departments (EDs and OPDs), and hospital-based ambulatory surgery locations (ASLs) and freestanding ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs) (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013e).
- Because this is a new survey, the CDC does not yet have data available on the NCHS website.

National Home and Hospice Care Survey (NHHCS)

- The NHHCS is one in a continuing series of nationally representative sample surveys of U.S. home health and hospice agencies (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013d).
- It is designed to provide descriptive information on home health and hospice agencies, their staffs, their services, and their patients (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013d).
- NHHCS was first conducted in 1992 and was repeated in 1993, 1994, 1996, 1998, and 2000, and most recently in 2007 (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013d).
- The 1996, 1998, and 2000 [data files](#) are available.

National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS)

- NHAMCS collects data on the utilization and provision of ambulatory care services in hospital emergency and outpatient departments (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013a).
- Findings are based on a national sample of visits to the emergency departments and outpatient departments of non-institutional general and short-stay hospitals (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013a).
- Public-use [Data Files](#) are available from 1973-2010.

National Nursing Home Survey (NNHS)

- NNHS is a series of national surveys that collects data on nursing homes, their residents, and their staff (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013g).
- All nursing homes included in this survey have at least three beds and were either certified (by Medicare or Medicaid) or had a state license to operate as a nursing home (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013g).
- Public-use [Data Files](#) are available for 1995, 1997, 1999, and 2004.

National (cross-sectional) surveys¹:

Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey (MCBS)

- The Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey (MCBS) is a continuous, multipurpose survey of a nationally representative sample of the Medicare population, conducted by the Office of Information Products and Data Analysis (OIPDA) of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) through a contract with Westat (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 2013).
- There are two data files from the Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey (MCBS) that are released in annual Access to Care and Cost and Use files, which can be purchased directly from CMS. ResDAC reviews all request materials for [MCBS data](#).

National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES).

- [NHANES](#) is a population-based survey designed to collect information on the health and nutrition of the U.S. household population (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013b).
- The NHANES is divided into two parts: (1) the home interview, and (2) the health examination (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013b).
- During the interview, participants are asked questions about health status, disease history, and diet. The health examination is performed in a mobile exam center (MEC) (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013b).

National Health Interview Survey (NHIS)

- The [NHIS](#) has been conducted continuously since 1957, and the content of the survey has been updated about every 10-15 years (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013c).
- The NHIS sample is drawn from each State and the District of Columbia. Although the NHIS sample is too small to provide State level data with acceptable precision for each State, selected estimates for most states may be obtained by combining data years (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013c).

National Immunization Survey (NIS)

- The [NIS](#) is sponsored by the National Center for Immunizations and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) and conducted jointly by NCIRD and the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013f).
- The target population for the NIS is children between the ages of 19 and 35 months living in the United States. Data from the NIS are used to produce timely estimates of vaccination coverage rates for all childhood vaccinations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013f).
- A [public-use data file \(PUF\)](#) is available for each year beginning with 1995 (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013f).

¹ Involve observation of all of a population, or a representative subset, at one specific point in time. They differ from case-control studies in that they aim to provide data on the entire population under study, whereas case-control studies typically include only individuals with a specific characteristic. Cross-sectional studies are descriptive studies (neither longitudinal nor experimental).

National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG)

- The NSFG collects information on family life, marriage and divorce, pregnancy, infertility, use of contraception, and men's and women's health (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013h).
- The Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) provides [online access](#) (for the CDC) to the 2006-2010 NSFG codebook documentation for all 3 public use files.

National (longitudinal) surveys²

Early Childhood Longitudinal Study (ECLS)

- The ECLS program includes three longitudinal studies that examine child development, school readiness, and early school experiences (National Center for Education Statistics, 2013).
- The birth cohort of the ECLS-B is a sample of children born in 2001 and followed from birth through kindergarten entry (National Center for Education Statistics, 2013).
- Data documentation, data files, and setup files for SAS, SPSS, and STATA are available for [download](#).

Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS)

- MEPS is a set of large-scale surveys of families and individuals, their medical providers, and employers across the United States (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 2013).
- MEPS is the most complete source of data on the cost and use of health care and health insurance coverage (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 2013).
- MEPS [data](#) is available for the years 1996-2012.

National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (NSLAH)

- The NSLAH ([Add Health](#)) is a longitudinal study of a nationally representative sample of adolescents in grades 7-12 in the United States during the 1994-1995 school year (Institute for Social Research, 2013).
- The Add Health cohort has been followed into young adulthood with four in-home interviews, the most recent in 2008, when the sample was aged 24-32 (Institute for Social Research, 2013).

NHANES I Epidemiologic Followup Study (NHEFS)

- NHEFS is a national longitudinal study that was jointly initiated by the National Center for Health Statistics and the National Institute on Aging (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013i).
- The NHEFS was designed to investigate the relationships between clinical, nutritional, and behavioral factors assessed in the first National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey NHANES I, and other factors related to morbidity, mortality, and hospital utilization (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013i).
- [Data](#) is available for the years 1982-1984, 1986-1987, and 1992.

² Surveys designed to gather information at multiple points in time.

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